

THE GREAT STRIKE IN CHICAGO.

How the Pullmanites are Trying to Gain their Point.

TROUBLE IN HAMMOND, INDIANA.

Strikers Burn Freight and Passenger Cars and Take Possession of a Whole Town—Telephone Wires Cut, and all Outside Communication Stopped.

The following graphic account of the actions of the strikers in Chicago and in Hammond, Indiana, shows to what lengths the men have gone:

CHICAGO, July 8.—Comparative quiet prevailed as a rule within the city today, though there were, as might have been expected, a number of sporadic instances where little knots of malcontents gathered, became boisterous and were finally scattered by a charge from the police.

A number of small mobs formed, went rioting, firing and overturning cars. Heads were cracked, and small fry brawls, mostly the result of too much bad whisky, were frequently reported at the police headquarters. There was, however, no concerted effort at incendiarism or violence, although at a number of places individual cars were fired, several of which were destroyed. A coal train on the Eastern Illinois was derailed at Root street by a switch being misplaced after the engine and four cars had passed over.

The work of clearing the tracks in the Grand Trunk yards at Forty-ninth and Ashland streets, where debris from thousands of burned cars littered the tracks, was completed today under police and military protection, the monotony, however, being enlivened by occasional police rallies when the gatherings of idlers watching the work became too large and threatening.

At 4 p. m., when the finishing touches had been put on the work, nearly all the onlookers had disappeared, and the troops, laborers and police were withdrawn. No sooner had they got well out of sight, however, than a gang of 800 men suddenly appeared, and with crow-bars and shovels tore up about an eighth of a mile of the track. They fled before another charge of the police, and the work of repair is again being pushed forward.

Hammond, Ind., adjoining the city on the southeast, was the theatre of the day's greatest excitement. Here the rioting of last night was resumed, and finally became so serious that a company of United States troops went out there. They preserved peace for several hours, but the mob increased in size, and finally became demonstrative, so that it necessitated charging on them by the troops, with the result that one man was killed, two badly wounded, and a number of others received serious injuries. Everything at Pullman was quiet today.

Riotous mobs consisting of men, women and children took possession of the freight yards at Halstead, Morgan and Meagher streets this afternoon. They burned cars and had everything their own way for nearly two hours. All of the reserve force of police officers on the west side had been detailed to the yards of the C. B. & Q. and the Wisconsin Central roads early today and nothing lay in the path of the frenzied strikers and their friends.

Shortly after 3 o'clock John M. Egan, at the general manager's headquarters sent the following message to Chief Brennan:

"Is there no way that we can secure protection from the mobs in our yards? They are burning cars and destroying other property in the yards at Halstead, Meagher and Morgan streets, and not a policeman can be found."

Chief Brennan at once transmitted the message to the inspector who detailed a squad of thirty police officers to the scene of the disturbance. The fire department had been called out on three different occasions, each time to extinguish flames in freight cars. Thirteen cars were burned. The mob gathered about the firemen when they arrived in response to an alarm and greatly interfered in the work of extinguishing the fires. The arrival of the police had but little effect. The blues were looted at and pelted with stones. The crowd numbered nearly 2000 and was made up of the toughest element of the city. Well-known thieves and other desperate men whom the police of Maxwell-street station have considerable trouble with mingled in the mob and took active part in the disturbance. The police finally made a determined charge and drove the mob to the adjacent station and from the freight yards, clubbing the leaders freely. The police remained on duty all the afternoon and the strikers were kept from doing further violence.

The mob commenced to collect early this morning in the yards of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and at the Wisconsin Central tracks at Western avenue and Sixteenth street. Threats against the railroads and denunciation of the police were heard on all sides, and it only required the move of some leader to start another conflict. The police, numbering 150, and three companies of the Seventh Regiment, were on duty all last night, and this morning when the crowd began gathering, action was at once taken to disperse it. The men were obstinate, and at first refused to move. The police officers used their clubs with telling effect, and in a short time the mobs were dispersed.

The militia was camped in the yards at Western avenue, and early yesterday morning the boys were distributed through the yards and instructed to deal severely with anyone caught in the act of burning or uncoupling cars. Shortly before noon smoke was seen to come from a freight-car on the Wisconsin Central tracks. The firemen were under a guard of police officers, and had difficulty in extinguishing the flames. No sooner was the fire out at that point than another was discovered two blocks away. This was soon extinguished. Alarms of this sort continued throughout the day. During the day another mob went to the yards of the Panhandle road at Rockwell and Sixteenth streets, and set fire to a number of cars. The yards were poorly guarded by the police,

and when the engine company arrived, its work was hampered by the mob until the police were re-enforced.

At the headquarters of the General Managers' Association tonight it is admitted that not a railroad in Chicago is moving its trains except under a heavy military or police guard. Most of the roads are getting through a limited number of passenger trains, but the tie-up of freight business here is complete.

At a late hour tonight all is quiet, although seven groups of rioters have made threatening demonstrations at different points about the city during the evening.

The officers commanding the United States forces made public tonight the following telegram received by General Miles this afternoon:

"To commanding officer of United States troops: General Schofield wires that Governor Matthews of Indiana has asked the President that three companies of United States troops be sent to Hammond to disperse the rioters. This makes your duty and that of your troops plain. You are to fire upon any mob of men who are obstructing the line of road and hold the place until further orders. By command of Major-General Miles."

About midnight it was discovered by the police that a notorious anarchist was drilling his fellows in a hall at Ashland and Forty-ninth streets, a hot-bed of foreigners, but they became alarmed and scattered before a raid was made.

John McBride, president of the Miners' National Union, arrived in the city this evening, and is conferring with the leaders of the strike.

HAMMOND, Ind., July 8.—A mob of 3000 strikers had possession of the town of Hammond this morning. They sacked the Western Union Telegraph office, overturned freight cars and committed all kinds of depredations. There were frequent fights, and five railroad employees were wounded. It is believed that one of them will die.

The outbound Sunday passenger train from Chicago on the Monon Railway was brought to a halt by the mob. The engineer and fireman were made to dismount and the locomotive was quickly killed by opening a valve and allowing all the water to run out of the boiler.

The active leaders of the mob were not the local strikers or known to Hammond people. Under their leadership, however, the town was terrorized throughout the night and railway traffic paralyzed.

Boldly operating, it had everything nearly its own way.

The worst trouble came about 3 a. m., when in a skirmish with railway employees three men were laid low in a bunch. Two other railway men were badly injured in other encounters. The man whose wounds are supposed to be mortal is H. B. Miles, an employee of the Interlocking Switch Company.

One of the acts of the desperate mob was the burning of a Pullman coach. It was set on fire in several places simultaneously and completely consumed. Fully twenty-five freight cars were derailed and tipped upside down, but the torch was not applied.

An unprecedented proceeding in the strike tactics was the attack on the telegraph office. The mob became possessed with the idea that telegrams were about to be sent to Governor Matthews at Indianapolis asking for troops, and the strike leaders determined to forestall such action if possible.

Entrance to the telegraph office was effected with scant courtesy, and, in the expressive language of an eye-witness, "the place was cleared out completely." Since then, telegraph communication between Hammond and the outside world has been cut off completely.

CHICAGO, July 8.—Early this morning a Michigan Central in-bound freight train was attacked by rioters at West Hammond, just within the Illinois State line. Obstructions placed on the tracks brought the train to a standstill, and the mob assaulted the engineer. The fireman escaped by hiding in the bushes at the side of the track, while the mob proceeded to overturn the cars, blocking the tracks. An east-bound freight arrived at about this time, and was also blocked and the crews driven from the train. Companies D and M of the First Regiment, I. N. G., the battalion in charge of Captain Barrett, was dispatched to the scene and the rioters fled across the Indiana State line. Under guard of the militia, both trains were backed to Kensington, where they are now standing.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 8.—Governor Matthews has ordered fifteen companies of militia to Hammond, Indiana. All are Northern Indiana companies, except one detachment of light artillery from this city. The number of soldiers ordered out will make 750. The train carrying the light artillery left here at 1 p. m.

CHICAGO, July 8.—The rioting at Hammond, Ind., culminated this afternoon in a conflict between the mob and Company B, Fifteenth United States Infantry, in which Charles Fleischman was killed, Victor Vaster fatally wounded, and William Campbell shot through both legs. A number of other people were slightly injured, but were carried away by their friends and secreted, and it will be impossible to learn the exact number wounded.

The trouble began last night, as told in these dispatches. The rioters kept their work up all night, burning cars and disabling engines. This morning they turned a Pullman car. Most of this work was done inside the Illinois State line, and as soon as the Illinois militia arrived on the scene the men fled at the troops.

About 9 o'clock this morning a great crowd gathered about the Monon depot. Several freight cars were overturned and the Michigan Central tracks blocked. The Sheriff and deputies were powerless to restrain the mob, and as there was no hope of the Indiana militia arriving before late this evening, an appeal was made to the Federal authorities in Chicago. Company B of the Fifteenth Infantry was sent out at once. Their presence quieted things for a while, and the blockade on the tracks was finally raised at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and several passenger trains pulled through. This seemed to anger the mob, and with an increase of number its passions grew to a frenzy. The regulars were greeted with oaths and shouts of derision, and volleys of sticks and stones were showered upon them. The men stood their ground, however, and kept the mob for several hours from approaching the buildings. By 3 o'clock fully 5000 rioters were assembled. They had been aroused by their leaders to a frenzy that made an encounter with the soldiers certain. Several times they rushed upon the company of troops, but were met by fixed bayonets and driven back. At last, however, the entire body of strikers made a determined rush toward the depot.

"Make ready—Fire!" was the command, and the thirty-five Springfield rifles rang out in response. A second volley quickly followed the surging crowd.

The first volley staggered them, the second stopped them as effectually as if they had run against a stone wall.

Several men were seen to fall, but they were taken away by their comrades and the extent of their injuries could not be learned. Fleischman fell in the front rank of the strikers. He was taken to the hospital, where he died in a short time.

In the rush that followed scores of women and children were trampled under foot and half a dozen women fainted on the tracks. The soldiers then took up a position on the tracks at Russell street crossing.

The news of the killing spread with remarkable rapidity and ten minutes afterwards the street in the vicinity was filled with a threatening mob. Major Hartz left his company for a few moments to assist the firemen and doctors in placing Victor in the patrol wagon and was immediately surrounded by a mob.

"Kill him! Shoot him down!" were the cries of several excited men, as the mob surged around the major. Hartz, however, did not pay any attention to them and was not molested.

The excitement by this time was intense. Men ran from house to house, borrowing shotguns, rifles and other firearms.

"To arms!" was the cry heard on every side, and fully 3000 people responded. Matters looked so threatening that a call was sent to Chicago for re-enforcements, and two more companies were sent out on a special train. These additional troops were stationed at the scene of the trouble and effectually cowed the rioters for the time being. Major Hartz arrested four of the leaders of the mob and took them to Chicago with a small detail of troops.

While the train was pulling out of the city a crowd gathered and stoned it, but quickly dispersed on the approach of a company of infantry.

Among those wounded at Hammond are: Mrs. Fleming, shot in knee; Victor Bittie, shot in leg; unknown man, shot through wrist.

"GAVE IT TO THEM."

CHICAGO, July 8.—A special on the Monon arrived late tonight from Hammond, bearing a detail of United States infantry, under command of Major-General Hartz, having in custody four of the ringleaders in the afternoon's disorders there.

Major Hartz was seen on arrival by an Associated Press reporter and spoke very tersely of the trouble, observing very significantly in conclusion: "Things have quieted down at Hammond since the trouble this afternoon."

In reply to inquiries, Major Hartz said: "We succeeded in moving five mail trains which were being held by rioters at Hammond. In moving one train we were confronted by a gang who lined up in a solid mass in front of the engine. They were warned to make way, but no attention was paid to the admonition and we 'gave it to them.' One man was killed so far as I know now and four or more were wounded, how badly I am not informed."

When asked for further information the major referred all questioners to department headquarters.

FIRE OVER THEIR HEADS.

CHICAGO, July 9.—Early this (Monday) morning the police had another encounter with rioters. The trouble occurred at Fortieth street and Emerald avenue. A packing-house firm attempted to move some dressed beef. The strikers discovered this and determined to intimidate the teamster. The police were called and the crowd resisted efforts to disperse them. The police then fired a volley over the heads of the strikers, which caused them to disperse. Six of them were arrested, charged with riot.

NO CONFERENCE HELD.

CHICAGO, July 8.—The conference announced for noon today between a committee of the employees of Pullman and Second Vice-President Wyckes of the company did not occur, as no committee appeared. Mr. Wyckes remained at his office until 2 o'clock waiting for the expected visitors.

"We are always ready to see our employees," he said, "and hear what they have to say. The position of the company in this matter is unchanged, however, and we have nothing more to say to the men than has already been said. The talk of a conference between Mr. Debs and myself is all a canard. We will not receive Mr. Debs, Mayor Hopkins or anyone else as representatives of our ex-employees. If the latter wish to talk to us they must come themselves, and without outside representation."

FIVE HUNDRED ANARCHISTS.

CHICAGO, July 8.—Five hundred anarchists gathered at a picnic in a grove near Western avenue and Fifty-ninth street this afternoon and discussed the strike in true anarchistic style. The speakers were unanimous in a demand for violence and bloodshed, which they repeatedly named as the solution of the trouble. The speakers declared that the strike can only be won by the use of the torch and the gun, and called on all workmen to aid in the battle against capital.

VETERAN CORPS READY.

CHICAGO, July 8.—The Veteran Corps of the First Regiment, I. N. G., is prepared to take part in the present trouble. The corps numbers 150 veterans and expects to be able to report to General Wheeler. The organization's equipment is at Springfield, and Vice-President Wyckes of the Pullman Company agreed to furnish blankets today for the men who are gathering at the armory.

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